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Attorney Docket No.	479-P-007B
First Inventor	HOWARD COHEN
Title	Improved Artificial Disc Spinal Surgical Prosthesis
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **33**]
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 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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 - Claim(s)
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Prior application information: Examiner **Bruce Edward Snow**Group / Art Unit: **3738**

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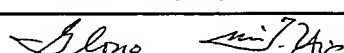
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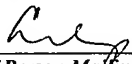
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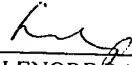
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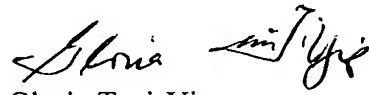
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